

# TECHNOLOGY GUIDE

[it.wvu.edu/students](http://it.wvu.edu/students)

## DO I NEED TO PURCHASE A COMPUTER?

Having a personal computer is convenient, but before you buy a new one, check with your specific college to see if your program has computer and software requirements. [it.wvu.edu/students](http://it.wvu.edu/students)

## WINDOWS OR MAC?

WVU supports both! Unless your major has specific computer requirements, we recommend using what you're comfortable with. You can even download Windows 10 for free and install it on your Mac using Apple's Boot Camp utility. Find instructions at [support.apple.com/boot-camp](http://support.apple.com/boot-camp).

## DOES WVU HAVE A COMPUTER PURCHASING PROGRAM?

**No.** Students can purchase select high-performance laptops through a partnership with Dell, but the University does not sell or fix computers. Students are encouraged to use a computer that works with their budget and program requirements.

## SUGGESTED COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS

for students whose programs do not have computer requirements

### General Use

video streaming, writing papers,  
taking online tests

- 8 GB RAM
- Intel i5 Core Processor
- SSD for increased performance

### Science/Technology

graphic design, video editing,  
computer programming

- 16 GB RAM
- Intel i7 Core Processor
- 500 GB SSD
- Dedicated graphics (GPU)

## WHERE CAN I GET FREE STUFF?

- Microsoft Office - [slic.wvu.edu](http://slic.wvu.edu)
  - Sophos Anti-Virus - [freeav.wvu.edu](http://freeav.wvu.edu)
  - Google Drive Storage - Provided with your MIX (Gmail) account
  - Windows 10 - [wvu.onthehub.com](http://wvu.onthehub.com)
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## WHERE CAN I FIND DISCOUNTS?

- Software Licensing Information Center - [slic.wvu.edu](http://slic.wvu.edu)
- Apple Education - [apple.com/go/college](http://apple.com/go/college)
- Dell University - [dell.com/wvu](http://dell.com/wvu)
- Best Buy College Student Deals - [tinyurl.com/ycytznj9](http://tinyurl.com/ycytznj9)
- Amazon Prime Student - [tinyurl.com/hhd8hd6](http://tinyurl.com/hhd8hd6)

**Thrifty Tip:** Consider buying refurbished from Apple or Dell, and purchase an extended warranty.

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## DO I NEED A PRINTER?

**No.** MyPrinting provides direct and web-based printing. Students can go to any campuswide MyPrinting location and swipe their WVU ID to pay with Mountie Bounty ([wvucard.wvu.edu](http://wvucard.wvu.edu)). If you want a personal printer, it **must** have a wired USB connection, and wireless capabilities **must** be disabled. [myprinting.wvu.edu](http://myprinting.wvu.edu)

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## HOW DO I KEEP MY PERSONAL INFORMATION SECURE?

Never share your Login credentials with anyone, or click on a link unless you know it came from a trusted source. When in doubt, forward suspicious emails to [defendyourdata@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:defendyourdata@mail.wvu.edu) for review. Find more cybersecurity tips at [defendyourdata.wvu.edu](http://defendyourdata.wvu.edu).

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

Contact the IT Service Desk

[ITSHelp@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:ITSHelp@mail.wvu.edu)

304-293-4444

[it.wvu.edu/help](http://it.wvu.edu/help)

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